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**VIPAR Heavy Duty Welcomes  
Carolina Powertrain as Newest Stockholder**  
*Company serves Charlotte and Hickory, North Carolina markets*

**Crystal Lake, Ill.** – [VIPAR Heavy Duty](#) has announced that Carolina Powertrain is the newest stockholder to join its network of distributors. Based in Charlotte, N.C., with a branch location in Hickory, N.C., Carolina Powertrain is led by its president and owner John Phillips.

In business since 2002, Carolina Powertrain's main location provides service within a 30-mile radius of Charlotte with two outside salesmen and two delivery trucks. The company's branch location in Hickory opened in 2009 and serves customers within a 25-mile radius with two delivery vehicles and one outside salesman. Between its two locations the company has 15 employees. Carolina Powertrain specializes in driveline and gearing, and provides a variety of other heavy duty parts and services to its customers.

"We are pleased to welcome Carolina Powertrain to the VIPAR Heavy Duty family," said Jim Pennig, vice president, business development, VIPAR Heavy Duty. "The addition of Carolina Powertrain is a strategic addition to the VIPAR Heavy Duty network as we continue to strengthen our distribution presence in the Carolina marketplace."

For more information on Carolina Powertrain, phone 704-596-8611 or visit [www.carolinapowertrain.com](http://www.carolinapowertrain.com). For more information on VIPAR Heavy Duty, visit [www.vipar.com](http://www.vipar.com) or e-mail: [info@vipar.com](mailto:info@vipar.com).

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**Image attached:**

**About VIPAR Heavy Duty**

VIPAR Heavy Duty is North America's leading network of independent aftermarket truck parts distributors. VIPAR Heavy Duty distributors serve the needs of their customers from over 500 locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. VIPAR Heavy Duty distributors are



specialists who understand the demands of their local, regional, and national customers for quality parts and exceptional service. For more information, visit [www.vipar.com](http://www.vipar.com).

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